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ROAD TO BIRMINGHAM
SPECIAL EDITION

TOM PRICHARD WINS CWF TITLE AT THE ROAD TO BIRMINGHAM;

DANNY DAVIS WINS HAIR VS. HAIR BUT GUESS WHO HAS NO HAIR

BIRMINGHAM---Dr. Tom Prichard, in the finale of a 10-man Continental Wrestling Federation tournament, defeated Dirty White Boy Tony Anthony in 6:18 to win the CWF belt last Monday night in Boutwell Auditorium. A crowd of 1,215 ($12,600) turned out for a scaled-down version of former CWF booker Eddie Gilbert's planned supercard. Gilbert, Bob Orton Jr., Chris Adams and new NWA regular Bam Bam Bigelow were replaced in the tourney by Jerry Stubbs, Tim Horner, Kokina and Mr. Wrestling II.

In the feature "hair vs. hair" match, Danny Davis pinned Ken Wayne in 20:00 but in a post-match melee, Wayne shaved Davis' head. The opener, a "$25,000" Grab for the Green, went to Willie B. Hert (Pez Whatley). Results:

CWF TOURNAMENT

First Round

THE BULLET VS. TONY ANTHONY: After a quick out-of-ring brawl, Anthony used his cat o'nine tails on Armstrong for a pin in 41 seconds. BOMB-PLUS.

KOKINA VS. PRICHARD: Lots of early stalling. Kokina went for some rough stuff, then missed a dive on Prichard at the turnbuckle and Tom used his only offensive move of the match, a cradle, for the pin at 3:26. DOUBLE BOMB.

DUTCH MANTEL VS. MR. WRESTLING II: Both worked as faces and there was almost no reax for II but Dutch was cheered. II pulled off one of Dutch's furry boots at 1:30. Dutch raked the mask at 3:50 and went for a sleeper two minutes later. II gained a 2-count on a cradle at 7:15 but a final flurry ended in a 10-minute draw. Mantel advanced on a coin flip. DRAW.

TERRY GORDY VS. AUSTIN IDOL: Gordy was the heel but you'd have never known it because a pile of Gordy fans were in the crowd. Terry went for the spike at 1:20 and the two traded crotch blows before Idol went for the figure-4 at 4:45 but Gordy bumped the ref to draw a DQ at 5:00. Terry crashed Idol into the rail and a table before trashing Austin with a chair. Idol juiced and the fans cheered. DRAW-PLUS.

JERRY STUBBS VS. TIM HORNER: Little more than Stubbs hairpulls and Horner hammerlocks early. After a ref bump at 5:50, Stubbs was atomicdropped onto the floor but Jerry used his knucks on Tim for the pin at 6:20. RESTHOLD.

Second Round (Quarterfinals)

PRICHARD draws BYE.

MANTEL VS. ANTHONY: Crowd pops after early exchange of chops and Dutch swings Shoo Baby at Tony at :50. Anthony dropkicked Dutch out of the ring at 3:50 but Dutch rallied to crotch Tony on the post at 4:40. But Dutch tossed aside the ref and Anthony used his cat o' nine tails again for the pin at 5:07. DRAW-PLUS.

IDOL VS. STUBBS: Austin came out disoriented and Stubbs attacked him. But Idol tossed him out at 1:13. So Jerry did a quick knucks job as Idol was going for a reverse suplex and pins Austin at 1:44. DOUBLE BOMB.

Semifinals

ANTHONY draws BYE.

PRICHARD VS. STUBBS: Stubbs brawls early then takes a hike. Prichard finally gets in several mulekicks after lots of stalling and moves into a stepover when (you got it) Jerry finds his all-too-prominent knucks but a fast

Tom surprises Jerry with a reverse cradle and pin at 4:52. BOMB-PLUS.

Championship Match

PRICHARD VS. ANTHONY: Best match of the night, just too short. Ron Fuller did one of the best troubleshooter ref jobs ever. Fuller blocked two early Anthony fists. Tom used a series of Flair chops but Anthony countered with a clothesline and excellent neckbreaker. Prichard rallied for a good dropkick at 5:00 but Anthony rallied before missing a dive from the middle rope. Stubbs shows up to interfere but Fuller decks him twice and as Ron's back is turned, Danny Davis gives Anthony a Ronnie Garvin punch and Prichard wins the belt in 6:18. POWERSLAM.

Hair vs. Hair Match

DANNY DAVIS VS. KEN WAYNE: Wayne tells the fans the added stakes of "$25,000" vs. Davis' "IROC-Z" has been scuttled because "Eddie Gilbert is gone now and he gave away the $25,000," the only mention of Gilbert all night and confusing, at that. Lots of fast early movement and Wayne is posted twice at 5:00. Fan heat is low perhaps because of the Prichard victory beforehand. Danny atomic drops Ken on the floor and bites his thigh at 7:50. But Wayne rallies and posts Davis at 11:30 and chairs him. Davis juices profusely (where is the Maryland State Athletic Commission when you need them?) and Ken destroys him for the next four minutes. At the 15:45 mark, Wayne follows up with a piledriver, superkick and crotchblow. Then at 19:35, Ken uses a great legdrop from the top rope but after a series of slaps, Davis uses a desperation cradle for the pin at 20:00. But as Danny celebrates, Wayne picks up a Diet Coke bottle and smashes it over Davis' head (this was tough to watch), knocks him cold and proceeds to shear Danny's spiked hair. Davis does a stretcher job as a goodnight. POWERSLAM.

"$25,000" GRAB FOR THE GREEN: Eliminated in order: Mark Pyle, Kokina & Lord Humongous (both by countout), Johnny Rich, Davey Rich, Super Warrior (Bill Tabb), Tim Horner, The Grappler (Rick Hazzard), Alan Martin. PEZ WHATLEY is left to take the jackpot at 6:00. RESTHOLD.

TRTB TALK: The crowd was about double what CWF officials predicted in light of the Gilbert controversy and card changes....Fans didn't appear too disgruntled but one wonders how many of them regarded the hair vs. hair ending when they got home....Overall, the show was better than expected. The fellows were loose and up tempo before the show and, albeit, for a few minutes, Terry Gordy gave a fine performance. Plus, the CWF final had a fine workrate.

I do have some constructive criticisms: (1) the GRAB FOR THE GREEN rules need altering. Keep it a standard battle royal until the final two are left and then let them battle up the pole for the check. Once Willie B. got rid of the final two heels, there was no suspense left in going for the money; (2) In a 9-match tourney, some matches have to be quick but the title bout needed to go longer than 6:18. Both Anthony & Prichard performed well but the match needed more suspense-building moves and two counts; (3) I'd have changed the order of the final two matches. "Hair vs. Hair" was hot but in my view, the crowning of a new champion, if he's to get over as the promotion's standardbearer, needs to be the match of last impression. I'd have run the tourney to the semifinal, trotted out Wayne-Davis, taken a quick intermission to let the crowd cool down from the stretcher job and then climaxed with Anthony-Prichard; (4) If I'm Bob Armstrong as booker, I'd immediately address the aftermath of Wayne-Davis on TV. Wayne lost the match so he should have lost his hair, otherwise it's no better than the Flair-Luger Bash screw job.

On the other hand...Wayne gets a big cheer for a fine performance while recovering from a flu bug. He had a nasty cough in the dressing room beforehand. Ken also sliced his hand badly when he used the Coke bottle.... As if the chaos of the last two weeks wasn't enough, promo inserts in Montgomery for the Oct. 1 TV gave away the endings for the title and hair matches....Plus, on the day of the show, Gilbert allegedly still had the $650 CWF championship belt. The promotion was threatening legal action if it isn't returned. Ron Fuller brought down the old title belt for the night....Before the show, David Woods told me he's confident the CWF will survive the recent turmoil. He had a major pep talk with the troops and says "we're going to crawl before we walk."

Some TV fans are already writing off the CWF but I say give it 2-3 months to see where it goes....Gordy may work spot shows for the group after his November Japan tour....Dutch Mantel assumes the color role on TV which may lead to an eventual angle....The two final matches were shot for TV to be voiced later....Charlie Platt made it from downtown Montgomery to Boutwell in 78 minutes. And I thought only United flew the friendly skies....Finally, the ol' MATWATCHer connected with the OBSERVER and the REFLECTOR Monday night. It was a pleasure sharing ringside with Dave Meltzer and J.D. & Mary McKay. No doubt, Dave wins a case of Creamettes for coming the longest distance.

COMINGS & GOINGS

---RETRACTION: When we began MATWATCH, I told you we'd be honest. We will. We blew one last week on the basis of what we felt was reliable information but that does not excuse it. Lex Luger is very much still with the NWA and while we continue to be told he's less than ecstatic over his probable future push, he has not departed. We apologize to you, to Lex, and the NWA.

---A followup on Ricky Steamboat: arrangements between him and the NWA have not been finalized. Three stories are out this week: (1) Ricky telling folks he doesn't intend to come; (2) NWA insiders saying Steamboat is coming and (3) other sources saying he'll come strictly for a one-show deal. We'll continue to follow it.

---The Turner deal with Jim Crockett is a 65-35 split with Ted holding the upper share, according to TBS officials. Before anyone jumps to conclusions, that's the same percentage Ted owns of TBS and the Turner people will call the shots.

---One key evidence of the new Turner influence is the fact that, as we've suggested all summer, STARRCADE will indeed become the Dec. 26 NWA pay-per-view show from Norfolk. The TBS people insisted on it and it is a highly sensible move.

---One rumor has Flair-Steamboat headlining that card but don't put it down yet. It would bring back memories of that great Meadowlands match in 1984 but much has to happen to bring it off.

---This now means the 5-night Thanksgiving weekend series becomes BATTLESTARR (yeah, they use two Rs on that, too) WEEK. Early word is the NWA stars will jockey for STARRCADE position on those shows and you can bet CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS IV Dec. 7 will have a big buildup.

---The NWA reportedly has approached Eddie Gilbert about returning which would be a super move, in my view, but independent observers believe Missy Hyatt will have to be kept out of the picture if Eddie returns for him to be successful.

---It's not beyond comprehension that Gilbert and (if he can be signed) Greg Valentine would comprise the Third and Fourth Horsemen.

---Mid-autumn NWA feuds will pit the Road Warriors vs. the Midnight Express and Barry Windham vs. Dusty Rhodes. Expect the Warriors possibly to have turned on Sting (instead of Dusty) after all by the time you read this and they're expected to finally win the NWA world belts during the Mid-South tour at month's end.

---Broadway Dan Wolfe tells me SUPER CLASH III (the Gagne PPV show) has cleared one million potential homes, including Memphis and San Diego. FNN/SCORE is now working hard on clearing Southern markets.

---One insider tells me the actual PPV figures for SUMMER SLAM '88 were a 6.2% buy-in for 760,000 homes. That's more realistic but if figures I was offered this week are true, that's probably still high because the show only drew barely 5% in key Western cities and did limited business in the South.

---CWF will lose its Sunday night slot now on SCORE. Continental reverts to Saturdays at 8 (subject to pre-emption) and MEMPHIS returns to Sundays at 10.

---SCORE reverts to a weekend service in January which could force one of the two regular wrestling shows off. Wolfe hopes to launch a wrestling call-in show in January. He'll do a phone-in special during November with possibly Jerry Lawler or Ronnie Garvin.

---NBC has picked up the 1989 SLAMMY AWARDS as a late-night weekend special. Maybe Tully & Arn will sing "United We Stand."

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RATINGS RAP

	Rating	Stations	Pct./U.S
NWA	7.8	150	90%
WWF	7.5	249	97%
All-Pro	4.6	130	81%

(For Weekend Ending Sept. 11)

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---Note that for the first time ever, The Wrestling Network (NWA) has beaten the WWF in a weekly average. There are two key variables: (1) the WWF is still seen in more homes because its station penetration is deeper, plus the NWA's numbers are probably up because they've wiped out some markets where they were probably drawing poorly on TV; however, (2) the percentage of U.S. covered is not that different between the two organizations and it is significant that two weeks after SUMMER SLAM, McMahon drew his lowest weekly numbers ever and Crockett was up nearly two points.

---Market news...CINCINNATI: NWA off, replaced by WWF CHALLENGE on WCPO; PITTSBURGH: NWA PRO back on Saturdays at noon; MONTGOMERY: NWA loses WCOV and is out of market; COLUMBUS GA: WWF SUPERSTARS off on WRBL, NWA MAIN EVENT added to NWA PRO on WXTX, PWTW returns to WXTX; LOS ANGELES: NWA reduced to Anaheim independent at 2 a.m. Sundays, losing KNBC; WWF CHALLENGE off; BIRMINGHAM: WWF bumped on WBRC for CWF. Keep me posted on show changes in your town.

---Brother Joe Pedicino averaging 3-4 ratings after six weeks on WVEU in Atlanta with his SUPERSTARS marathon. The independent race is a 4-way one for the first time on Saturdays in Big A.

---TBS is now opening an international homevideo licensing arm to including marketing of CLASH and PPV specials overseas.

---The big SCW show in Marietta, headlined by Lawler-Tommy Rich, drew an all-time high 2,200. Kerry Von Erich was a no-show.

---If Jerry Jarrett's purchase of Ken Mantell's third of World Class goes through (and it may have by the time you read this), Jarrett will run World Class and keep CWA as a separate entity. Plus, don't be surprised if Continental eventually works with Jarrett on some big shows in Birmingham. David Woods has a good relationship with Jarrett which Gilbert reportedly did not.

---World wrestling traveler John Lanigan asked in his most recent bulletin who CRABBY APPLETON (also the name of Jonathan Real's manager in the Pittsburgh area) was. John, the original CRABBY was the cartoon archenemy of Tom Terrific, whose exploits were featured in the '50s and '60s on CAPTAIN KANGAROO.

---Finally, to all of you who attended the UAWF convention, I was with you in spirit. Fall is the worst time of year for me to break free because of academic committments but I'm sure you had a fine gathering. Maybe next time.

PINFALL PROFILE: A STARRCADE PROPOSAL

Assume (something dangerous in the NWA) that the NWA's talent roster will stay stable between now and Christmas. Further assume that Jack Petrik and Steve Chamberlain (who will honcho the PPV aspect of STARRCADE '88) will take a new, aggressive posture towarrd talent signings. Here, therefore, is the ol' MATWATCHer's proposal for a holly jolly PPV card.

This is not Dream Match talk. This is suggesting TBS actually go out and try to sign some of these performers for one-shots and truly make this a blowout card:

NWA WORLD TITLE / RIC FLAIR VS STING: Okay, I'll buy that Flair-Steamboat would be a great match but realistically, would Ricky get the belt? STARRCADE needs to be so hot that subscribers will clamor for the next PPV show. What better way than to change the NWA title to the hottest star in the business? Don't let Sting wrestle Flair for 60 days prior to the show but set it up with a big angle on the TBS CLASH Dec. 7. But kill another pigeon with this one: let, for once, J.J. cost Flair the title with his interference and after the faces help Sting celebrate his great win, end the show with Flair going after J.J. and make his break from the Two Horsemen. And bring in Ole Anderson as referee. Then, go back to letting the NWA champ be an all-challengers champion, taking on both faces and heels.

WORLD TAG TEAM TITLE / ROAD WARRIORS VS MIDNIGHT EXPRESS: Assuming the Warriors are champs going into this, put heat on it by saying the Warriors will have to split as a team if they lose and if the Midnights lose, Cornette loses his hair. Can you imagine the interviews Jimbo would have over this?

U.S. TITLE / BARRY WINDHAM VS. RICK STEAMBOAT: This could be equally as great a match with two of the best performers in the game. If this couldn't be signed, I'd sub BARRY VS. BIGELOW.

LEX LUGER VS. BIG VAN VADER: Luger still needs a major match and if the Turner people can negotiate with Leon White, I'd bring him in, costume, smoke and all for a one-shot which will help get a titleless Luger over as well. It would take four good weeks of Japan videotape to build up Vader, however. I suggest the TBS folks look at some of Vader's Oriental matches to see what I mean.

WORLD TV TITLE / STEVE WILLIAMS VS. STAN HANSEN: Could you picture a tough guy match like this one? The chances of pulling this one off would be slim but, again, if the Turner people pony up the cash to get Hansen in for a one-shot, they'd sell a show.

6-MAN TORNADO MATCH / BAM BAM BIGELOW & THE KOLOFFS VS. THE RUSSIAN ASSASSINS & TERRY (BAM BAM) GORDY: If you don't have the Banner in the U.S. title match, this would be a nice alternative. Since Oliver Humperdink is going to manage the Koloffs, too, have Ollie's boys take on a surprisingly good Assassins team and bring in one of the best big men in the game, Gordy, for a battle of the Bam Bams.

RETIREMENT MATCH / DUSTY RHODES VS. KEVIN SULLIVAN: Win, lose or draw for the Big Ball of Cholesterol, a swan song and no Midnight Rider reprises. It probably wouldn't be bad to put the same stipulation on Sullivan.

DICK MURDOCH & RON SIMMONS VS AL PEREZ & EDDIE GILBERT: It's time Simmons got a push on a decent show and here's a chance to get him in there. Plus, Gilbert could carry this match and gradually slide himself back into the fold with a hot performance here.

MIKE ROTUNDO VS RICK STEINER: Assuming these two have split by then, put some heat on this grudge battle by putting Jimmy Garvin in Steiner's corner to counteract Kevin Sullivan.

FANTASTICS VS SHEEPHERDERS: Here's a foursome which could get the show off to a rabid start with a good 10-to-12 minute match and a fine workrate.

That's 10 matches and our strong suggestion is for Turner to make this a 3-hour satellite show so people can feel they've truly seen a big-time card. Some of these bouts won't come off because of wrestling politics and failure to reach money agreements. But this is one guy's blueprint of how to sell a STARRCADE in the same fashion that started this granddaddy of the supercards in 1983.

IV TEMPO (Weekend of Oct. 7-9)

RATINGS: PINFALL! - Must See. PILEDRIVER - Excellent. POWERSLAM - Good. DRAW - Average. RESTHOLD - Fair. BOMB - Poor. PLUS - Midscale rating.

(SCW) - Joey Maggs d. Jamie Kyle; Ray Candy d. Stan Westmoreland; John Michaels d. The Black Reverend; AWA WORLD TITLE: Jerry Lawler retains belt on reverse decision after SCW president Gordon Clements tells ref of Rich's illegal pin. ANGLE: Grizzly Boone withstands 5 slam challenges but refuses Ray Candy's attempt. MAT CLASSIC: 1984 brawl of Jerry Blackwell/Greg Gagne vs. Bruiser Brody/Sheik Adnan al-Kaissie. DRAW.

(CWF) - Davey Rich d. Mark Pyle; The Bullet wins DQ over Tony Anthony (as Bullet begins to spank Mystic, Jerry Stubbs attacks and all three whip Bullet until the Riches make save); Tom Prichard vs. Grappler II ends in draw; Willie B. Hert d. The Count. REPEATS: Riches d. Pat Rose/Duke Mason; Tim Horner d. Pyle. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(AWA) - Top Guns d. Beauty & the Beast; Col. DeBeers d. Ken Raper; Wendi Richter wins DQ over Medusa Miceli when Bad Company attack; AWA vs. WCCW TITLES: Jerry Lawler wins DQ over Kerry who had scored pin with piledriver but piledriver declared illegal in Nashville. PRESS CONF.: Bill Apter with Guererro Bros. CELEBRITY CORNER: Sigourney Weaver. DRAW.

(WWC) - Dan Spivey d. Jules Strongbow; Invader II vs. Mr. Pogo double countout; Carlos Colon d. Ron Starr in cage match. DRAW.

(MEMPHIS) - RPMs d. Todd Morton/Alan Reynolds; Jeff Jarrett d. The Hangman; Cactus Jack Foley/Gary Young d. Ray Odyssey/Shawn Baxter; ARENA: Jimmy Valiant-Tommy Rich ends in pullapart; Brickhouse Brown/Bill Dundee win DQ over Robert Fuller/Jimmy Golden. ANGLE: Brickhouse Brown brings out aunt and claims he can't support her because Stud Stable still owns his contract. Sylvia Fuller comes out for sympathy and suckers Brown into being destroyed by the Stable. POWERSLAM.

(LEARNING THE ROPES) - Robert Randall (Lyle Alzado) is playing poker with his friends, which include Ivan Koloff, when his kids come in to discuss son Mark's latest love. Mark brings home his girlfriend Leslie for a meal and promptly gets dumped 2 days later. After Robert watches a tape of himself as The Masked Maniac lose to Ric Flair, he explains the trauma of losing a loved one to Mark. In the final scene, the kids write a letter to Robert, telling him how much he means to them. DRAW...good family values in this show but the characters weren't well-established for an opener and Robert's connection to pro wrestling is fuzzy.

(W. CLASS) - AWA VS. WCCW TITLES: Lawler-Kerry double DQ in 26:00 for both hitting ref and Frank Dusek holds up both belts; Super Black Ninja d. Vince Apollo; Kendall Windham d. Eric Embry; WCCW TAG TITLE: Michael Hayes/Steve Cox d. Samoan Swat Team. PILEDRIVER.

(NWA/TBS) - A.M.: Sheepherders d. Rick Allen/Bret Holliday; Other winners: Al Perez/Larry Zbyszko, Rick Steiner, Italian Stallion, Russian Assassins, Midnight Express. ANGLE: Kevin Sullivan pops Steiner in face during interview and Steiner charges child abuse. BOMB-PLUS. P.M.: Road Warriors d. Terry Jones/Rick Allen; NWA TV TITLE: Steiner (sub for Rotunda) d. Curtis Thompson; Other winners: Ron Simmons, Fantastics, Dick Murdoch, R.A. #1, Sheepherders, Midnights, Barry Windham, Nikita Koloff, Larry Z. WORLD WIDE CLIPS: Fantastics-Sheepherders brawl, Bam Bam Bigelow squash win. RESTHOLD. MAIN EVENT: (All Repeats) Sullivan d. Big Bear Collie; Nikita Koloff DQ over Perez; Sting/Steve Williams draw with Varsity Club. BOMB...no excuse for this!

(NWA/SYND.) - NWA PRO: Sting d. Larry Stevens; Bam Bam d. George South; Other winners: Williams, Russian Assassins, Perez, Murdoch. LOUISVILLE SLUGGER: Jim Cornette w. Oliver Humperdink & Bigelow. WORLD WIDE: Fantastics vs. Sheepherders ends in double DQ and pier 6 brawl; Williams/Simmons d. Agent Steel/David Isley; Other winners: Steiner, Bigelow, Koloffs. STRAIGHT TALK: Magnum T.A. w. Barry Windham. ANGLE: Sullivan accepts Rotunda's present of a sweatshirt but refuses Steiner's. DRAW.

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(NWF) - SUPERSTARS: Anabolic Warrior d. Gene Ligon: Rockers d. Rusty Riddle/Sandy Beach; Other winners: Dino Bravo, Bad News Brown, Don Muraco, Demolition, Junkyard Dog. BROTHER LOVE: w. Bobby Heenan & Terry Taylor. MR. PERFECT: Curt Hennig throws bullseyes at a dart board. BOMB-PLUS. CHALLENGE: Brutus Beefcake d. John Ziegler; Rougeaus d. Reno Riggins/Mike Richards; Other winners: Koko B. Ware, Jim Duggan, British Bulldogs, Rick Rude, Bubba Bossman. INTERVIEW: Honky Tonk Man composes "The Broken Down Warrior Blues." MR. PERFECT: Hennig bowls a "300 game." BOMB.

(PWTW) - AWA, Announcement of SUPER CLASH III; SCW, Tommy Rich d. The Bullet for Southern title; NWF, Anabolic Warrior d. Bob Emery; CWF, Prichard d. Stubbs by DQ when Dangerous Alliance attacks; DANGER ZONE: Paul E. with Stubbs & Anthony. MARS WRESTLER OF WEEK - Anabolic Warrior. RESTHOLD-PLUS...a bit too much talk in the 30-min. version.

LINES OF THE WEEK - 1. Jim Ross, TBS: "I'd really like to read a book on child psychology by him (Sullivan): it's probably great for Rottweilers or pit bulls." 2. Cornette, TBS: " I saw the Varsity Club, the graduates of Marx Brothers U. If brains were gasoline, they couldn't propel a police motorcycle around a [illegible]." 3. Cornette, TBS: "J.J. Dillon, I'm going to coat my whole body with mustard in Philadelphia because everybody knows you can't cut the mustard." 4. Ross: "Paul Jones, the man who for three years has won the Johnny Cash Man in Black Award." 5. Jerry Lawler, AWA: "Kerry Von Erich & everybody in the state of Texas suffers from constipation of the brain." 6. Missy Hyatt, PWTW, to Boni Blackstone: "Why don't we get rid of Joe & have our own show, BONI & MISSY THIS WEEK? 7. Cornette, NWA PRO: "He (Bigelow) looks like he went to sleep with the Sunday funnies on his head." 8. Road Warrior Hawk, TBS: "You know what they call hors d'oeurves in Hawaii? They call 'em pooh-poohs." 9. Tony Schiavone, TBS: "Bigelow doesn't look like your basic bank executive." 10. Jesse Ventura, NWF: "McMahon, what's a hoosier? Some kind of vacuum cleaner? 11. Cornette, TBS, to Schiavone: "I'll buy you for what you're worth---I'll give you a nickel and you give me back some change." 12. Cornette: "The best thing the Road Warriors have between the three of them is Paul Ellering's nose."

BEST ANALYSIS - Joe Pedicino, SCW: "Maybe these people cheering for Tommy Rich are biker women."

BEST PICTURE - SCW, Shot of ringside cameraman getting creamed from impact of Jerry Lawler atomic drop.

STRONGEST COMMENTS - 1. Cornette, TBS: "If you don't believe we're tough, just ask the guys we won these belts from---you know, the guys who decided they'd rather switch than fight." 2. Ventura, NWF: "I handle the replays, McMahon, unless you want to have a match with me."

BLOOPER AWARD - Ken Wayne, CWF, for saying he has a new car now three nights after telling the ROAD TO BIRMINGHAM crowd the "$25,000 vs. IROC-Z bet is off" between him and Danny Davis.
BOO AWARD - (Tie) 1. AWA & WCCW, for making the title vs. title picture absolutely confusing for the casual fan; 2. NWA/TBS, for airing 2-3 month old matches on NWA MAIN EVENT.

PARTING BLOWS

NWA plugged a "major superstar" returning to the alliance on both syndicated shows and Gary Hart teased a "big, black" man we all know as coming in (Abdullah or Ernie Ladd?) ....Hints are that Williams, Simmons, or Murdoch are being recruited for the Varsity Club....Tully & Arn made their NWF debut last week before meager reaction....Flair-Bigelow will probably highlight November NWA cards but if Steamboat doesn't come, Flair-Sting has to be the STARRCADE topper.....World Class loses its "Legends" slot on ESPN in two weeks....For the next few weeks AWA on ESPN will run Friday late-night because of Saturday late college football.

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